

SOCIETIES DISBAND

Prevailing Campus Apathy Causes Ultimate Decision

by RON WOODWARD

Taylor University has decided to discontinue her literary societies. Philos, Thalos, and Chi Kappas will no longer exist. Any plans already made for this semester will be dropped. This decision, well-backed by student opinion, was made jointly by the three societies and the Student Organizations Committee.

A prevailing lack of interest was the obvious major factor in the fall of our societies. This feeling can be traced directly to the opinion that the three literary groups were not making a worthwhile contribution to our college life. Thus, an effort during the past two years on the part of each society to revitalize its program has been greeted with failure.

Student opinion was accurately determined by a questionnaire which was sent to all members of the societies. These questionnaires were to be filled out and returned by all members who wanted to show any interest in their organization. Over two-thirds of those receiving the survey blanks did not return them, thus registering their negative opinion. Less than half of the questionnaires sent back expressed any desire at all to continue the literary societies. According to this survey, the cultural groups, which had been such a vital part of Taylor life for so many years, have lost their significance and importance. Consequently, the decision was made.

Since the functions of the societies have not been numerous in the past few years, many observers feel that other groups can easily take over most of the activities that the Philos, Thalos, and Chi Kappas have sponsored. Such was the view of Dr. Hazel Butz, head of the Student Organization Committee. Former functions of the literary societies could be assumed by divisional clubs, campus forums, classes, or committees concerned with fine arts, recreation, and social activities.

With more things to do in recent years, students seem to feel that there is not time for active participation in programs undertaken by the societies. Even regular monthly meetings were poorly attended because time could be spent better elsewhere. In addition, meetings actually did not have too much to offer. Thus, with student interest at a low ebb, the literary societies were pushed toward their deadened state. While the societies of years past were enthusiastic in promoting debates, plays, operettas, talent, shows, and athletic competition, the three organizations lately have been forced to limit their activities primarily to occasional social events. Since these social events did not represent the true purpose of the groups, and since these social times can be assumed elsewhere, the literary societies were rightly condemned to death.

Societies Had Glorious Past

by Miriam Culp

Literary Societies have existed for over a hundred years at Taylor University. Before the college was moved to Upland in 1893 Thalos and Philos were already great rivals. The Thalonian Society can boast of being the first campus organization; founded on November 28, 1850 by eight young men at Ft. Wayne Methodist College the society was named after the Greek Philosopher Thales. "Know Thyself," taken from the teachings of Socrates, became the society's motto with pink and yellow as the original society colors which were later changed to orange and black.

Second of the Societies is the Philalethean Literary Society founded in the spring of 1878 by Dr. Yocum, then president of Ft. Wayne Methodist College. For a motto the society chose, "Animi Imperio Corporis Servito Utimur," (we use the power of the mind for the service of the body). "Lovers of Truth" became the motto of late years. The colors blue and white, representing the virtues truth and purity were selected. Throughout the history of the (Continued on page 4, column 1)

27 Qualify for Honor List

Dean Milo Rediger announced that the following twenty-seven students qualified for the first-semester honor list. Eligibility requirements are (1) regular student standing, (2) a minimum of twelve hours of academic work, and (3) a scholastic standing of 2.6 during the first semester.

Students qualifying were Roselyn Baugh, Barbara Benjamin, Alta Blasdel, Marjorie Conrad, Riley B. Case, Duane Cuthbertson, Loretta Dawson, Barbara Donker, Mary Dreihaupt, Rita Gerhardt, Sarah Greiner, Raymond Isely, Joyce Kaufman, Miriam Martin, Walter Martin, Virgil Myers, Anna Newhard, Eloise Olcott, Earl Pearson, Jewell Reinhart, Dennis Saylor, Joan Sloane, Kathryn Soldner, Wendell True, Ruth Unkenholz, Robert Wolfe, and Ronald Woodward.

Preparation Continues for Youth Conference



Prof. Ralph Thompson, Youth Conference sponsor, discusses plans for this year's conference with Ann Donker, secretary; Glen Crabb, treasurer; and Roselyn Baugh and Bill Yoder, co-chairmen.

Preparations are continuing to be made for the 1955 Youth Conference, to be held on March 25-26-27. Prayer is playing a very important part in the preparations. The Prayer co-chairmen, Ruth Unkenholz and Jim Robertson, have appointed special prayer captains for each floor of the dormitory to carry on this important work. The prayer schedules have been released, and special prayer groups are being held.

The brochure of this year's Youth Conference has already been released. The programs of the Youth Conference activities have been sent to the printers for publication.

A new feature being planned for this year's conference is a special musical album of Youth Conference music of the featured Youth Conference musical groups. They will be recorded on the "Bible Tone" label.



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Venture for Victory Adds Team Members

Three more names have been added to the Venture for Victory III team that will leave for the Orient in June. Tine Hardeman, Westmont College, and Jack Mount, University of Southern California, have been added to the basketball team; Joe Grabill from Taylor will accompany the team as business manager.

Hardeman has scored an average of 23 points per game in the current Westmont schedule. He was a standout on his high school team at Santa Barbara, California, before beginning college in his home town.

Mount broke into the Southern Cal starting line-up during his first year with four of the first string returning from the previous year. He transferred to USC from Fullerton Junior College where he starred and was named to the all-conference team.

Joe Grabill, a recent transfer student from Fort Wayne Bible College, hit .500 from the field during his senior year there. He has had wide experience in quartet work and as a soloist, and is an accomplished pianist. He has served as assistant pastor, being in charge of the youth work and a weekly radio program for the church.

Dick Hillis of Orient Crusades, who is arranging much of the team's schedule said in a recent telegram to Coach Odle that the opportunity for the type message of "peace and good will" which the team brings has never been greater in spite of the uncertain political situation.

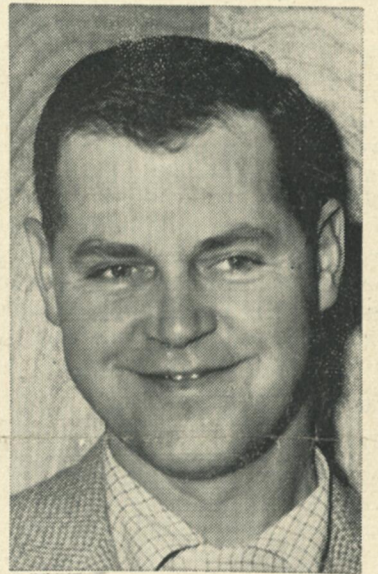
Student Project Committee Plans Fund-Raising Drive

The Student Project Committee will conduct a fund-raising campaign the first two weeks in March. The purpose of the campaign will be to raise two thousand dollars to finish the payment for the asphalt. An individual donation of four dollars per student has been suggested. Donations which have been coming in continually have cut the asphalt debt to two thousand dollars. This could be called a "Birthday" campaign, since the project will be one year old in March.

The campaign will start with a student assembly on February 28. Activities which have been definitely planned are: A penny campaign, a Christian movie, possibly a Moody Science film, and a work program. The highlight of the activities will be on March 12, when the Berne Male Chorus of the Mennonite Church will give a concert in the gym. These activities are planned so that students will be enabled to give to aid the project and receive immediate returns for their contributions. All proceeds from the activities will go toward the asphalt fund. A thermometer which will show the amount of the contributions as they come into the fund will be placed in the post office. Other activities which are being planned will be announced in the assembly.

By taking part in the activities, a student will be contributing toward the completion of the project. Each student can also help by praying and giving. Suggestions and ideas which would make the campaign and the project a success are also requested. The campaign will be a success only as each student does his part.

William E. Stanton Heads Next Clinic



William E. Stanton

Heading the Journalism Clinic on February 28 will be William E. Stanton, managing editor of the Marion Leader-Tribune. Mr. Stanton will be speaking on "What's Behind the Printed Page?" Following him on March 7 will be Stephen G. Savage, professor of journalism at Indiana University, who will speak on "What Besides News?"

Stanton has served with the Chronicle Publishing Co. in Marion as reporter, photographer, wire desk editor and make up editor and in 1951 he was named to his present post. He is now the Marion area correspondent for the Associated Press.

Stanton is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts.

The first session of the clinic, held last night, February 21, proved to be very enlightening for the Taylor students who attended. Mr. Earl Hoff, editor of the Indiana University News Bureau, was the speaker. Mr. Hoff, speaking on "What Makes a Free Press?" stressed ethics and responsibilities of the newspapers and the need of well-trained reporters. After the question-and-answer period, the clinic adjourned to Campbell parlors for refreshments.

Soph Comprehensives To Be Given March 8

Annual sophomore comprehensive examinations will be given Tuesday, March 8. Dr. Hildreth Cross of the Psychology department will conduct the tests in the large reference room in the east wing of the library. Dr. Cross emphasized that all sophomores should be in attendance by 7:45 a.m. Doors will be closed at 8:00 a.m.

Since the reference room will be unavailable for general use until after 4 p.m., it was suggested that other students arrange their schedule accordingly. Co-operation will be appreciated.

Will you share in preparation for Youth Conference—
Venture now in Prayer!

Taylor's Revival

by Jewell Reinhart

Looking at the chain, there seemed to arise doubts as to its efficiency and durability for the task for which it had been designed. Close observation indicated the presence of many faulty links. Some were much smaller than others, some, corroded and misshapen. Some were much too thin to endure the slightest stress. But a job was to be performed.

The chain was set into place. Force was applied to either end. It became taut. As the Spirit seemed to instill life into this instrument, it slowly began to rise from its resting place. Just as the chain was assuming a workable position—it broke. That link, weak beyond efficient utility, gave way under the stress. But a task was to be accomplished. The Master Workman, quick to respond, welded together the two stronger links over that one which was almost too thin for recognition. Again, the force of the Spirit gained intensity; but the device never gained real tenacity. That corroded link, wrenching and writhing under pressure, released its grimy grasp, compelling the others to resume the burden. Again repairs were made. A gain the potential became kinetic. Each sleepy link, now enlivened, was groaning under its obligation. The chain was in position—pulled taut to the Master's will. The Spirit was intense. There hovered about that project an atmosphere of assured success. A laborer appeared, scurrying about his Master's business, checking and re-checking all apparatus, gently admonishing each link and hitch that each might give of its best. Gathering the entire mechanism before him, he viewed it with concern, recognizing the implications of the pending task.

Through the space of a week the laborer, under the guidance and instruction of the Master, rendered that mechanism tingling in response to the challenges of obligation. Many weak links were revived and made aware of their own potential. When called for, strong, new links were added.

The period of preparation came to an end. Making one last check before presenting the product to his Master, the laborer searched

with an experienced and critical eye for areas which might prove faulty. With a glow of accomplishment, the laborer committed to his Master a device, polished and strong, for that greater task for which the mechanism had been requested. But, amidst the joy of a work completed, the conscientious workman was compelled to view a great waste. Over there lay a shapeless piece of metal, and here, the corroded remains of a former chain link, and there, a hitch, twisted beyond recognition—useless.

YFC Seminar Series to Be Held

Youth for Christ International, will conduct a series of seminars on Taylor's campus from March 7-11. Mr. Carl Bihl will direct the program for the five days. Speakers will be Jack Daniel, vice-president of the Indiana-Illinois area, on Monday; Dr. Bob Cook, president of Youth for Christ International, on Tuesday and Wednesday; and Ted Engstrom, secretary of Youth for Christ International, on Thursday and Friday.

Several young men preparing for service as area directors in the Youth for Christ organization will be guests on campus for the week. Although the meetings will be held primarily for those interested in some phase of Youth for Christ work, Dean Milo Rediger indicated that all who are free to attend will be welcomed. Times and places of specific meetings other than regular chapel periods will be listed on the regular weekly calendar.

THE EDITORS SAY

Good Riddance . . .

The literary societies are officially dead. This is not news—actually, they have been dead for several years. Having failed to live up to their avowed purpose, “to cultivate a taste for the lofty, the beautiful, and the true,” the societies deserved this fate.

Not many students will mourn the death of the societies; but, why should they? They couldn’t “take time” to work on operettas, debates, and worth-while programs. After all, the time we spend talking about how “there’s never anything to do over the week-end” doesn’t leave us with much time for anything else, does it? Let’s remember that the societies did *not* outlive their purpose but rather failed to fulfill that purpose. Therefore, the societies deserved to die.

BOUQUET OF ROSES DEPARTMENT

Hats off to Professor Calvin Fleser and the Science Club for bringing Dr. Greene of the University of Cincinnati to our campus. In our opinion Dr. Greene’s address, “Atomic Energy—Its Social and Practical Applications”, was the most thought-provoking message heard at Taylor since we’ve been here. It was a rare treat indeed to listen to a nationally known scientist. An intellectual in the true sense of the word, Dr. Greene challenged all present with his sincerity and his authoritative presentation. What are the possibilities of having speakers of this calibre in chapel occasionally?

A hearty thank-you to Ron Woodward and Loren Lindholm for their work on the Taylor News Broadcasts in the cafeteria. The idea was Loren’s; the committee is headed by Ron. The ignorance of Taylor students on world affairs has been pathetic in the past. The nightly news round-ups are definitely a step in the right direction. Keep up the good work fellows.

WARP AND WOOF

by Bill Plumb

Several years ago I was privileged (or plagued) to take the Army’s basic training program. Every morning as our company would march to the field for training and when we returned to the company area at night, we would see and read a sign in front of our battalion H. Q.’s. The slogan of our battalion was this: “Remember as you train that the battle is the pay-off.”

I suppose we all amaze our parents and professors at times by the careless way we train for battle. The reality of pay-off seems so far off. Our college experience is separated by a great gulf that seems insuperable even in vivid imagination. It was that way in Army training. Rifle marksmanship looked good on our training record, but as for future use, well, “I’m going to stay State-side. I’ll never need this.”

A few weeks after basic training I was “paid off” in Korea, but not because I took the words of that slogan seriously. It wasn’t until months later when I entered into a new training period that the impact of the words hit me. It was here on this campus. Funny that these words lay dormant in my mind for so long. Yet, they did, and when they finally emerged, it was a new “training” and a new “battle.”

This philosophy hasn’t been mine since I came to T. U. Nor is this idea constantly operating now in all realms; if I waited till such a time that were true, I would probably never present the idea. But, the significance of this truth lurks in every opportunity—every course of study and every extra-curricular activity. No less a battle is the life ahead. If I put on Christ and all His implications (not the least of which is academic preparedness) I shall receive my pay as every good soldier inevitably does.

INDUCTION

I suppose that one of God’s most effective recruiting agents is T. W. Wilson, lately gone from our campus and presently in our prayers and memories. “T. W.” must have trained well. At his sub-Mason-Dixon colloquialisms the English department has looked askance but otherwise, who can find fault? Concerning “T. W.” I think of the words of Isaiah, later reiterated by Jesus Himself: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . . to preach the gospel.”



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Explorations

by Ray Isely

“They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick”—Matthew 9:12

Is Christ our example in dealing with others? Yes, if we are completely His. Why, then, do we confine our associations to a small group of Christians and remain aloof from a real understanding of the needs of sinners? A quite obvious reason is that, after conversion, we have carelessly cut off ties with non-Christian friends and acquaintances without a full consideration of the implications of our salvation experience. A pastor once told me that following his conversion, he ruthlessly eliminated many friends from his life; and that now he feels a personal responsibility for their not having become Christians since. In advising me, he warned against giving up friends because he felt that, as a friend, a Christian can be a most useful tool in God’s hands for the winning of souls to Christ.

It is true that our friends may give us up after we become Christ’s. Our Lord himself said that those who followed Him would be “hated of all men for His sake.”

Let us not use this as an excuse for withdrawing ourselves from our friends however. We, as their friends, have a very sacred obligation to fulfill in living Christ before them in word and in deed; for we are familiar with their personalities, their backgrounds, and their ambitions; and they are familiar with us. What greater challenge is there than this one close at hand? In truth we have here a mission field that only we can fully qualify for. Among them we may find the agnostic, the obscene, the drunkard, or just the indifferent; but we can, through God’s grace, minister to them because of the relationship of friend to friend.

Thus let us be advised, not to eliminate our friends when we receive Christ, but to continue relations with them all the while, bringing in Christ who is the friend of sinners.

Council Reports

Traffic regulations were a main topic for discussion at the last student council meeting. It was explained that there is to be no parking on the north side of Reade Ave. because it is a fire lane. The rule about all cars on campus having university stickers displayed will be enforced. A ticket will be given if there is no sticker. Penalties will be more severe.

The committee investigating NSA was asked by the Administrative Council to prepare a summarized report on the advantages and disadvantages of NSA. This must be done before any further decision is made.

Taylor University’s delegation to Little U. N. Day at Indiana University has been assigned the country of Greece. The committee has been in correspondence with the Greek delegates to the United Nations and the Greek ambassador.

The council voted to cancel membership in a classical record club.

Possible revision of the Student Organization Budget was considered.

The newly-revised recreational committee has met and begun working on increasing recreational facilities.

Letter to the Editor

February 19, 1955

Dear Editor,

We as cheerleaders would like to express our feelings concerning school spirit. The tendency to blame the lack of enthusiasm on the cheerleaders is understandable. However, we feel that the job of the cheerleaders is to stimulate school spirit, not to create it—that should be up to the students. In addition, we have heard criticism concerning the cheers we use. We wholly agree that we need new ones, but—we have announced pep sessions with the intention of teaching the Pep Club new cheers. Only a few supported these rallies; the remaining members of Taylor University caught up on sleep, watched T.V., and did other things of lesser importance. We know that all pep sessions are the same with the same old cheers—but when help has been requested there has been little response. Finally, the crowd seems to think the team is worth cheering for only when the score is close and a few seconds remain in the game. This hardly displays school spirit. We are not apologizing for this letter because this has been our main concern for a considerable length of time. We would like to thank those who have been faithful in supporting the Trojans. It is our desire that each student gives our boys 100% backing. Your consideration of these thoughts will mean having a part in the victory over Anderson.

The Cheerleaders



Prexy’s Pen Points

It may be interesting for the students of Taylor University to know something of the matters under discussion in many national meetings related to colleges and universities. Your Dean and President have attended a large number of educational conferences both on a state level and on a national level and have faced many interesting discussions. Some observations I feel might be interesting to you.

MORAL AND SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

First of all, you will be pleased to know that in almost all conferences on higher education, more and more attention is being given to the moral and spiritual responsibilities of the colleges of our land. Very few meetings are held without some consideration being given to the problem of the spiritual life of the students and, in many instances, the major attention is given to this concern. That is encouraging to us and makes us feel that higher education is responding to the challenge of the day.

Another great issue is, of course, the “impending tide of new students.” By that we mean to say that in the next ten to fifteen years, it is perfectly possible that college enrollment will double if facilities are available. This is not an hypothesis but is a fact because these children are already born and will be of college age over this period of time. This last year the college enrollment picture showed the largest increase since the GI bulge. Taylor is not the only school that reflected a large enrollment increase. This year is but the beginning of increased demand for college education across our country. Colleges face a dilemma at this point. Either they must raise funds and increase facilities or it will not be possible to accept as many students as desire to go to college. Quite likely in the few years, colleges will have to be more selective of the students that apply for admission. We here at Taylor turned down more students last year than we have in any given year for the last number of years. Until we have more facilities, this probably will have to be our pattern. This creates a problem for the Christian colleges of the land because we are concerned in developing Christian leadership; but when we have to cut back enrollments, it means, of course, that we are training a smaller percentage of the leadership of our land.

NEED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

Teacher education is much in discussion in these national conferences and colleges like Taylor are facing the concerns of increased need for public school teachers. We need more teachers on the college level; the country needs more teachers in public schools. Teachers’ colleges alone cannot meet the need. There is no easy solution for this problem, but it is one that must be faced and one that Taylor wishes to face because of her unique emphasis on character.

Many other problems confront the educators of the land, but this is enough to indicate that Taylor is not alone in seeking the way to solve her problems. Our Advance Planning Program is seeking God’s guidance in prayer, all a part of making Taylor a stronger college to serve her constituency better in the years ahead. We solicit your prayers as we plan for the tomorrows.

Evan H. Bergwall

Straws in the Wind

by Howard Landes

Security! How often that word is heard in the news of our times. We all know that it applies to the prevention of potential enemies obtaining information which could be used against us. But do we realize all that is involved in the concept of security, which is becoming prevalent in these United States.

There is a distinction between a communist and a security risk. In government positions are (hopefully) only a few of the former. There may be legions of the latter. A security risk is one who for some reason or other can’t keep his mouth shut and/or has too many friends who hope he won’t. Perhaps he doesn’t realize the value of his information. Maybe he thinks that this “friend” is perfectly harmless. Maybe he likes his liquor and after a few drinks just tells too much. Whatever the reason, such an individual is a security risk. There is no real question of his loyalty, he is likely as good an American as we are. In spite of all his assets, such a man simply cannot be allowed to be in a position where he has access to classified information. We must eliminate security risks. Unfortunately, it is seldom possible to apprehend the culprit until after the beans have been spilled!

The great cloak of security is necessary, but it is very convenient to throw it over everything that the government thinks the public should not know. Now in America, we are committed to the belief that if the citizens have enough facts they are intelligent enough to make wise decisions. Under the present security cloak, much pertinent information (which the Reds have already) is being withheld from the citizenry. Apparently, Americans are not to be trusted with the problems which are being bandied about the European markets and coffee-shops. The U. S. government repeatedly denied that Russia had nuclear weapons when everyone who could read the signs knew better. Only in the last week has the government given us official facts concerning the effects of Hydrogen weapons.

This whole set-up smacks of the attitude one might expect to find overseas where the peasants are not considered mentally sufficient, where the government does their thinking and makes their decisions for them. We do not wish to appear dangerous to the nation’s security, but it remains to be seen if this “let’s pretend it doesn’t exist” attitude about facts pays off in the long run. We will know better its effects when we wake up some morning and find New York and Chicago missing and several million Americans in mass panic over the sudden realization of facts they should have known but did not.

Trojans Fall To Earlham; Face Anderson Saturday

Quakers Hand Taylor Her Fourth Straight HCC Setback

Taylor's faltering Trojans lost their sixth straight basketball contest—and fourth in a row in the HCC—by falling to Earlham's Quakers, 93-84, in a battle at the Richmond gymnasium last Tuesday night. The Quakers fought hard and convincingly; they also were avenging an earlier Trojan setback. The victory was the first after 10 straight league setbacks for the Quakers. Taylor now stands 4-7 in the HCC and a 7-14 overall record. Earlham actually picked up its margin of victory at the charity line — a spot visited frequently throughout the battle. The officials whistled 63 personal fouls during the tussle—37 against Taylor. As a result of all the whistle-tooting, a total of eight players fouled out; and five were in Taylor uniforms. Earlham ran in front all the way, building up a 36-29 margin at the half. The Trojans, again spark-

Taylor Loses in Last Five Seconds

With only five seconds remaining in the contest, Manchester tapped in the rebound of a desperation shot to give the Manchester Spartans their second victory over the Taylor Trojans by a slim 73-72 margin. The Spartans went into the final minute of play behind 72-69 after a tip-in by Kenny Stark, but waited for a good shot and connected with 15 seconds remaining to set them up for their victory play. At halftime the two teams were deadlocked 33-33 and the contest was close the entire second half. With 1:40 minute left in the game, Shisler stepped up for a pair of free throws. He connected with the first and missed the second but Stark rescued with a beautiful tip-up to give Taylor a 70-67 lead. Manchester then came with one again but Stark rebounded again to give Taylor what seemed to be the decisive margin.

Grizzlies Avenge Earlier Loss

League-leading Franklin kept in first place in the HCC race last Saturday a week ago as they avenged an earlier defeat and gave Taylor 73-61 setback. This was Taylor's fifth defeat in nine contests. Taylor was unable to overcome a cold first half in the return encounter and thus spent most of the game trying to catch up. The cold Trojans managed to connect on only seven of their 33 tries from the floor in the first half and found themselves behind at 39-29 half way through the contest. They were never able to pull even with Franklin. Taylor did pull within three points early in the second half, but Franklin quickly drew away again and ran comfortably ahead to the final buzzer. Honaker was again high man for the Trojans as he dropped in 18 points. Edstrom and Stark chipped in with 15 and 14 respectively.

Coach's Corner

by Don Odle



Playing on a varsity athletic team at any school is a privilege. Especially is this true at Taylor. I make that statement because those who participate are a select group. They have an opportunity to demonstrate certain skills before the student body, faculty, and outsiders who usually lend enthusiastic support to aid their efforts. This privilege not only affords the opportunity for play but lends itself to an influence that is keenly felt by all of those concerned either directly or indirectly. This sphere includes not only the growing adolescent but the dignified parent as well. When an athlete becomes aware of this it places a tremendous responsibility squarely upon his shoulders.

There are many illustrations that could be used: from the hero-worshipping of the small boy to the admiration of the respected college professor. If it is only the skill that draws out this attitude, then we are failing to do our job. The reason many of us have chosen coaching as a career is not merely to teach skills for sport's sake, but to obtain a goal. As coaches we are dealing with the most valuable thing that this country possesses—its youth. I believe that the real monument to our coaching is what is left after the skills are gone. It is fine to turn out good ball players—but it is more admirable to turn out good men.

In order to make athletics command respect, the athletes must be worthy of respect. First of all, they must remember that athletics is just one phase of the total school program. Their success should be thought of in terms of how the total program will be effective. We shouldn't demand favors at the expense of some other part of the program. Team work on the athletic floor should have a carry over—team work value in the whole school. We should cooperate fully in matters of eligibility, scholarship, school activities and social relationship. The ultimate goal of the faculty and the coach is the same—to turn out well-rounded students who can not only think sanely, but who can think honestly.

It is up to each of us to prove that we are worthy of the trust and the leadership that is vested in us. We will never prove that, by accepting things just as they come along, but with a cooperative spirit of improvement. I know no better recommendation than to tell you to work harder in everything that you do.

If we are going to be good students—Let's study more.
If we are going to be spiritual leaders—Let's pray more.
If we are going to be better athletes—Let's work more.
We do not want athletes who feel that they are doing the school a favor by being here or that the school owes them something because they are athletes. If athletes are outstanding, their rewards will come in the leadership that they can offer in helping those less fortunate than themselves. Material means of favors will never be a genuine reward. If you need help I am sure that help will be provided. I know no better way to close this thought than in the words of the Master, when He said, "He that would be great among you, let him serve."

Batter Up!

With only one week remaining on the basketball schedule, Coach Flester has gotten some of his base-batters into the fold of spring training. The Easter vacation trip will be much earlier this year and with possibly the best schedule a Taylor team has ever had, it is necessary to get things underway as soon as possible. Meanwhile, Indiana University, our first opponent, will be going through daily batting practice in their large field house.

Taylor's squad this year proves very promising with a great deal of depth in returning lettermen. Our heaviest losses are fleetfooted outfielder George Douglas, and our heavy hitting field general, catcher Norm Holmskog. Loss of a promising replacement, Bob Tillinghast, for scholastic reasons leaves that position wide open. Returning lettermen include: outfielders: Nate Price, Arnie Kamman, and Walt Chernenko, infielders: Bob Stoker, Jack Augustine, Ted Shisler, Dick Day, and Art Edstrom. In the pitching department, Rod Leichty expects to regain his old form along with Ivan Niswender, Stan Reed and Nate Price, who carried the pitching load last year.

Perhaps the most promising new prospect is Lee Kinzer, a highly touted pitcher who is awaiting the final decision in his eligibility. New comers are Jack Morse, Junchi Matsudo, Tommy Lockwood, Irv Thompson, Joe Kulaga and others who will be making their bids as soon as the first squad practice sessions get under way. We have a promising year ahead, but keep in mind the fact that the games are won or lost on the diamond rather than in the pre-season predictions of any of the "Campus-Coaches." Baseball could be our top sport of the year.

HCC STANDINGS

	win	lost	win	lost
Anderson	9	2	15	6
Franklin	8	3	11	9
Hanover	6	4	9	10
Manchester	6	6	8	12
Taylor	4	7	7	14
Ind. Central	4	7	8	14
Earlham	2	10	2	13

A Look at Track Prospects

The spring sports program will begin in a few weeks and the prospects for a good track team are promising. Last season the trackmen were weak in the field events but this year the team should be more balanced in all entries. Coach Ted Wright received the names of those men who are interested in track to this date; they are: R. Case, H. Holmes, quarter-mile; A. Kelly, H. Holmes, B. Judd, and R. Hamilton, half-mile; N. Tonneson, J. Terrell, dashes; K. Stark, B. Cotner, hurdles; K. Stark, D. Bishir, distance; D. Cuthbertson, Jordon, pole-vault; D. Cuthbertson, M. Hess, broad-jump; Cuthbertson, Stark, and Hess, high-jump; J. Briggs, Jordon, and D. Conrad, discus, shotput and javelin.

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Spor-T-Talk

by Mel Shy

In his last article in the *Echo*, Coach Don Odle reviewed for us who he considered were the top players in Taylor's hard-wood history. No doubt he did an excellent job, but for obvious reasons he had to leave out one who I believe ranks in the first five of Taylor greats.

This lad came to Taylor after an outstanding high school career and continued to show these same colors as he broke into the starting five his freshman year. For four straight years he was the spark plug of the teams, scoring over one thousand points. He scored as many as thirty points a game in an era where fifty points per game per team was the rule. He was speedy, shifty and an excellent ball handler. Because of his outstanding ability you could say that he was a player ahead of his time for no telling what records he may have set had he played in the era of fast moving, high scoring basketball. After his college career he played professional basketball with the Anderson Packers. It was here that he not only played a lot of good basketball but also learned a style and pattern of play that later made him a very successful coach. I am sure that you all have to agree that we include Don J. Odle as one of the outstanding basketball players in Taylor's history.

The Anderson Ravens assured themselves a first place position in the HCC Saturday night as they defeated a talented Franklin five in an overtime, 70-64. This gives the Ravens a 9-2 record and the Franklin Grizzlies an 8-3 with each team having one more conference game on their schedule. Franklin plays host to Hanover and Anderson will visit Maytag, where our Trojans will wind up their 1954-55 schedule. Your columnists predictions: Franklin will whip Hanover and Taylor will down Anderson knocking Anderson out of the undisputed championship.

From this corner it looks like the Golden Gophers from Minnesota have wrapped up the Big Ten title in basketball, sneaking past the pre-season favorites Iowa and the unbeatable (according to Fred P. and Ben A.) Illini. An encouraging word to the loyal supporters of the Ohio State Buckeyes, who incidentally are snuggled comfortably in the Big Ten cellar. With Ford Konno they will be undefeated in swimming. I guess they had better keep a few more of their home grown boys.

In less than two weeks sixteen major league teams will begin their annual spring training program. This will initiate another thrilling season of America's favorite sport. With the last ball pitched in the fall the American league will end as follows: Cleveland, New York, Detroit, Boston, Chicago, Washington, Baltimore and Kansas City. The National league: Brooklyn, New York, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Chicago and Pittsburgh. The darkhorses will be Cincinnati and Detroit. They both have young ball clubs; watch 'em close.

The climax of the Hoosier delirium will soon be here for this year. Indianapolis Attucks, led by Oscar Robertson, will be the first Indianapolis team ever to capture the Indiana High School Basketball crown. Incidentally Oscar Robertson is the brother of Bailey Robertson, the Indiana Central star.

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Societies

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school the Thalos and Philos have been great rivals.

Pi Beta Chi Kappa was founded in 1948 as a result of the need for another organization. The need was created by the overcrowded membership in the other societies which decreased the effectiveness of the societies. Green and gold were chosen as the society's colors with the motto: "Faith the Golden Key." The first president of the society was Norm Cook whose name students now recognize in connection with the Venture for Victory team and Formosa. Miss Butz was the first sponsor of this society with its thirty-one members.

PURPOSE

Thalos and Philos were organized for a similar purpose—the development of the whole student. In the 1898 Gem this formal statement of the Philalethean Society's purpose is given: "The aim of the society from the beginning has been to secure mental development and culture along literary lines; to give its members training in public reading and speaking; and to cultivate a taste for the lofty, the beautiful and the true. In the 1901 Gem this statement of purpose is made concerning the Thalonian Society. "The prime objective of the Literary Societies of Taylor University thus far organized seems to be to aid her students to improve their educational faculties, elegance of expression, and to present an appearance before the public, showing perfect mastery of self and an attitude at once pleasing and impressive to the hearer." These noble aims of purpose have been carried out through the ensuing years of the societies' history in a varied program of activities.

Meetings of the societies were held bi-monthly in early years. Programs of a literary nature were given with the censorship of one of the society officers—a literary critic. Business meetings provided opportunity and experience in using parliamentary rules. Each society also had a janitor. In late years meetings have been held once a month.

ACTIVITIES

During the various holidays and seasons of the year social functions were given by the societies for their members. At Halloween the Thalos had a masquerade barn party the same night that the Philos went for their annual hayride. At Christmas time plays or special programs were presented to the whole student body. Artist programs also were sponsored by the societies. Philos presented the operetta "Sunbonnet Girl" in the spring of 1948.

Rivalry between the societies was increased through Prize Contests in the early 1900's. Thalo and Philo representatives presented a joint program of oratory, piano solos, essays and two minute debates to be judged for prizes. Sometimes pageants were given for the neighboring towns and the Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Marion. Various society members gave orations in local public meetings. In 1911-1915 inter-society debates were added. Later the Commencement Contest was the b'g event of the year.

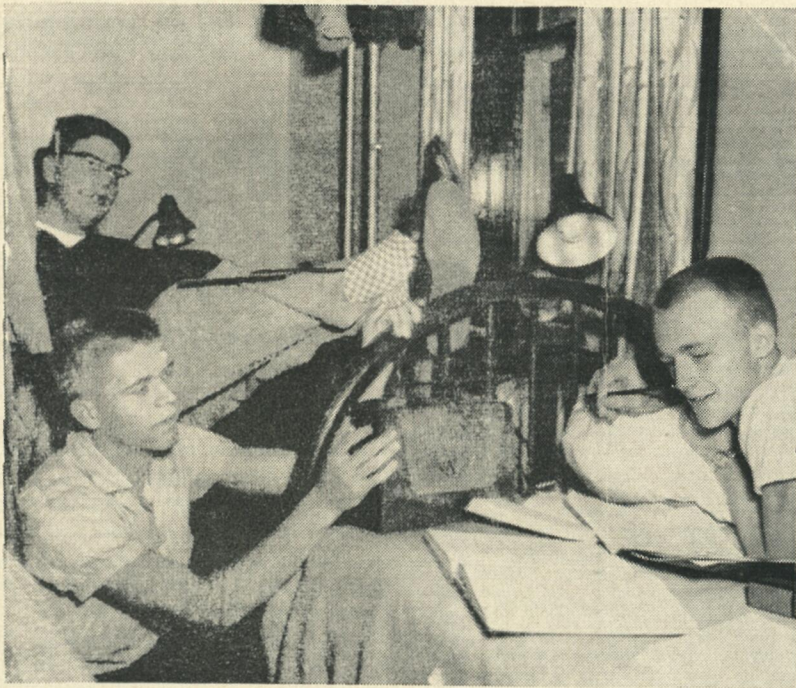
Before Taylor had inter-collegiate athletics the societies sponsored boys' and girls' basketball teams. Baseball and tennis for boys was also a part of the societies' activities.

Rush week was the traditional highlight of the year which afforded competition for new student membership in the societies. The best talent and ingenuity produced the best execution of a good theme which gained the new members. Philos had the progressive theme of a television show for their rush day in 1938. In 1948 one of the Philos piloted a plane and dropped leaflets over the campus as a publicity stunt. To celebrate their one-hundredth anniversary in 1950, Thalos used the "Forty-niners" for their rush week theme. A booklet containing cheers and the school song was circulated by the society at the beginning of the basketball season.

Chi Kappas introduced moving pictures into the society programs with the showing of "Macbeth," a film by Bob Jones University, in the spring of 1952. With a strong beginning in 1948 the society grew to a membership of eighty by the end of 1949. In 1950 under the leadership of Dick Unkenholz as president, the Chi Kappas won the Homecoming display.

PROBLEMS

Through the years each society has had its particular struggle and problems. The Thalonians had financial difficulties in 1901 because the student members could not contribute finances for society activities. When the college was moved to Upland there was only one Thalo but eleven more were added before the school year 1893 ended. From January to April of 1895 Thalos had a lady president.



Miles, Allred and "Moose"

Who says Taylor students don't study?

Opera Plans

The Marriage of Figaro will be presented March 4 in the Maytag Gymnasium through the combined efforts and talents of the music, speech and art departments of Taylor University.

Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Buckner, Mr. Patton, and their respective departments are to supply the singers and characters; do the staging, costuming, lighting, and crew work; and provide the scenic design.

The first opera to be given at Taylor University, Mozart's work is considered one of the greatest in all operatic literature.

A small orchestra taken from the Marion Civic Orchestra will assist in the production.

RECITAL TO BE GIVEN

The Division of Music will present a student recital, Wednesday evening, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Shreiner auditorium. The program will consist of short numbers from the piano, organ and voice departments and promises to be one of interest and variety.

Taylor Increase Seen

Miss Olson, registrar, reports that Taylor's participation in the statewide scholarship testing program, administered to high school students on Dec. 10, 1954, resulted in 91 pupils indicating their desire to attend Taylor. Last year 43 high school students indicated a similar desire.

Taylor will contact these 91 prospects as well as high schools in nearby states. Although the admission committee has tightened admission requirements, an increase in enrollment is anticipated.

The spring semester of 1955 finds 492 college students registered at Taylor. This includes 27 new students, but represents a decrease of 23 from last fall's registration. Finishing the fall semester were 501 scholars.

Philos had the problem in 1881 of deciding whether or not their society should cease to exist. President Clippenger happened to be present at the meeting and offered another room in the building where they were meeting for the society programs. The members furnished the room and as a result of this rallying the Philos grew in number. By 1901 the Philalethean Society was the owner of a piano, a portrait of its founder Dr. Yocum, and a gavel made of wood from the battleship "Maine." Material possessions of the societies in late years have not equaled this.

Thus the Thalos, Philos and Chi Kappas have existed in the Taylor traditions. All that these organizations have contributed to the student's life is not written in historical records but in the pleasant memories of Taylor alumni all over the world.

T. U. Evangelist Available

David and Rebecca LeShana will be conducting meetings and showing films or slides during March, April, and May. This will be a part of their full-time work as college evangelists.

Students who want them at their home church are to get in touch with the Public Relations Office.

Dave LeShana was born and raised in India, where he spent 16 years and where his parents were missionaries for 21 years. After coming to the United States in 1949 to attend Taylor, he spent the summer of 1950 in Europe with a Youth for Christ team. Dave pastored the Sugar Grove Community Church at Greens Fork, Indiana in 1952. His four years in evangelistic work has included tent meetings, Youth for Christ rallies, missionary conventions, secular clubs, and revival meetings in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Since September, 1952, he has been in more than 22 weeks of revival meetings. He not only preaches, but also leads singing, does solo work, and sings duets with Mrs. LeShana.

Rebecca LeShana was born in Muncie, Indiana. She has been in evangelistic work with Mr. LeShana for four years and plays the piano, does singing and works with young people.

Both Dave and Becky were graduated from Taylor University in June, 1953. Now they conduct programs, which includes showing colored slides on India, displaying costumes and curios, and singing a few choruses in Hindustani.

CHAPEL CHOIR ORGANIZED

A new chapel choir has been organized and will function regularly in chapel this semester. In the spring this group will combine with the A Cappella choir for an oratorio.

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Coverin' the Campus

by JOAN SELLECK

The Music Club met Wednesday, February 2, at 6:40 in Shreiner auditorium. Miss Steyer and Mr. Fosse lectured on the three different periods of Beethoven's life. A recording of the first movement of Beethoven's Sonata Pathétique was played. The second movement of the Sonata was played on the piano by Bill McDaniel.

The W. R. A. is busy with activities for all. The Intramural Basketball is in its last round. The winner of the Swallow-Robin vs. Fourth Floor game on February 19 played the faculty team Monday evening, February 21. The W. R. A. open meeting was held at 6:40 on Tuesday, February 22. New members were accepted at this time. A buried treasure was the object of a searching party under the Jolly Roger. Now that the W. R. A. has a bulletin board in the gym, students are asked to consult it for all W. R. A. sponsored activities. Plans for a play-day in March are being considered. Taylor students should be hearing some "bird chatter" soon, as badminton is the next activity in the Intramural Program. All girls are encouraged to participate in the recreational swimming at Muncie every Friday afternoon. Cars leave here at 3:30, and return at 6:00.

The last meeting of the Chi Sigma Phi was a business meeting. A demonstration of electric ranges by Mrs. Headley of Hartford City was presented to the group. It was an open meeting and prizes were given.

The future meeting of the Gamma Deltas will be a preview of the "Marriage of Figaro" with a summary and a few selections in song.

There are again many plans being made within the Ambassadors group, open to all students. On February 28, Laverne Steiner, from the Go-Ye Mission will be guest speaker. He does work among the Indians in Oklahoma. March 6 will be set aside for prayer groups. Rolf Egeland from the Evangelical Alliance Mission will be the guest at the meeting of March 14. He is a missionary to Portugal.

On Friday, February 18, the Holiness League was led by Dr. T. W. Wilson in Bible study, after which the group united in prayer for the remaining meetings of revival services. On February 25 Roland Coffey will present thoughts and considerations concerning the words of Jesus.

An increased number of students met for the Science Club meeting Wednesday, February 9, to hear Dr. E. H. Greene as he spoke on "Atomic Energy—Its Social and Practical Implications." It was agreed that the words of this eminent chemist were challenging and enlightening to all.

Many plans are being considered among the Sophomore class officers. In April, a date is to be set for a Saturday morning cook-out; for May, plans for a Sophomore-Freshman swimming party and picnic are being made.

Play Cast Announced

"Romeo and Juliet" will be presented as the highlight of the Shakespearean Festival, April 21, 22, and 23. Mrs. Buckner has announced the following cast:

Prologuer	Jim Robertson
Escalus, prince of Verona	Jack Miles
Paris, a young nobleman	Bill McDaniel
Montague	Jack Stroman
Capulet	Jim Glebe
Romeo	Don Phillips
Mercutio	Steve Hunt
Benvolio	Joe Kipper
Tybalt	Joe Kalaza
Friar Laurence	Roland Coffey
Friar John	Jim Robertson
Sampson and Gregory	Art Habegger and Mel Shv
Lady Montague	Kathy Epp
Lady Capulet	Loretta Dawson
Juliet	Rosalyn Coburn
Nurse to Juliet	Betty Godsey

Six minor parts are yet to be announced.

Singers Praised

The Taylor University Chamber Singers traveled last weekend to St. Louis, Missouri, to assist in the church music seminar of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

Saturday they sang in the Concordia Seminary Chapel, where they had the honor of being one few outside groups ever invited to sing. More than this the group received a standing applause from the delegates at the close of their numbers.

The entire concert featured the music of Nicholas Bruhns, a seventeenth century German-Lutheran composer.

Concert Tonight

The Marion Civic Orchestra is presenting a concert tonight, Feb. 22 at 8:00 p.m. Mr Howard Skinner will conduct.

Students of Taylor University have joined musicians from Marion and Grant county to form the orchestra. The Taylor University Chamber Singers will also participate.

The concert will consist of numbers by Handel, Bruhns, Grieg, and Hittersdorff.

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